

# NEOSWA - November Meeting Minutes

## Oregon Small Woodland Association

**When:** Thursday, November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2021

**Where:** Small Conference Room, Baker County Fairgrounds/Extension Service  
2600 East St., Baker City, OR 97814

### **Attendees:**

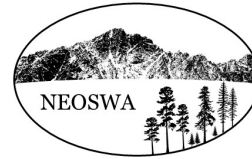
**Zoom:** Bill Porfily, Randy Guyer (Treasurer), Paul Harlan, Tim & Barb Oliver, Misty Beals

**In-Person:** Debi Lorence (President), Maurizio Valerio (Vice President), Jacob Putney (Secretary), Jack Kleinhoff, Jana Peterson, Dean Defrees, Nicole Lorence

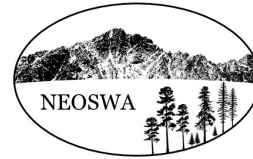
***Called to Order:*** 6:03 PM

### **Board Meeting Minutes:**

- N2N Tour Recap
  - Tour was a great success; Thank you to the Defrees!
  - 54 total participants
  - Lessons Learned:
    - Hard to find caterer
    - Consider transportation options in the future
- NRCS Funding Opportunities (Misty Beals & Jana Peterson)
  - Funding administered by NRCS with technical assistance provided by ODF
  - Programs
    - Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP)
    - Conservation Implementation Strategy (CIS)
    - Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP)
    - Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP)
  - Areas
    - Northeast Oregon District RCPP
      - \$5 mil for 5-years
      - Renewable
      - Application period open until November 19<sup>th</sup> (first-year)
      - Pre-commercial thinning; Slash treatment; Reforestation; Tree mortality treatment (Fire-, Insect-, Disease-related)
    - Baker: Baker Watershed Area to South of Highway 7
    - Grant: North of Mount Vernon Area
    - Union: Catherine Creek to Cove Areas; West Grande Ronde Valley
    - Wallowa: Promise Area; North Country



- How to Qualify & Apply
  - Contact NRCS
  - Get in Farm Service Agency (FSA) System (IF first time applying)
    - Fill out paperwork
    - Establishes eligibility for Farm Bill \$
  - Fill out an application for specific funding
  - Work with ODF for technical work and assistance
- Key Contacts by County
  - Baker
    - NRCS: Misty Beals, District Conservationist
      - Email: [misty.beals@usda.gov](mailto:misty.beals@usda.gov)
      - Phone: (541) 523-7121 Ext. 115
    - ODF: Jana Peterson, Stewardship Forester
      - Email: [Jana.peterson@oregon.gov](mailto:Jana.peterson@oregon.gov)
      - Phone: (541) 523-5831
  - Grant
    - NRCS: Aaron Roth, District Conservationist
      - Email: [aaron.roth@usda.gov](mailto:aaron.roth@usda.gov)
      - Phone: (541) 575-0135 Ext. 113
    - ODF: Kirk Ausland, Stewardship Forester
      - Email: [Kirk.w.ausland@oregon.gov](mailto:Kirk.w.ausland@oregon.gov)
      - Phone: (541) 575-1139
    - ODF: Matthew Brown, NRCS Forester
      - Email: [Matthew.t.brown@oregon.gov](mailto:Matthew.t.brown@oregon.gov)
      - Phone: (541) 575-1139
  - Union
    - NRCS: Mike Burton, District Conservationist
      - Email: [Mike.burton@usda.gov](mailto:Mike.burton@usda.gov)
      - Phone: (541) 963-4178
    - ODF: Travis Lowe, Stewardship Forester
      - Email: [Travis.d.lowe@oregon.gov](mailto:Travis.d.lowe@oregon.gov)
      - Phone: (541) 963-3168
  - Wallowa
    - NRCS: Abe Clark, District Conservationist
      - Email: [Abe.clark@usda.gov](mailto:Abe.clark@usda.gov)
      - Phone: (541) 426-4521 Ext. 3044
    - ODF: Tim Cudmore, Stewardship Forester
      - Email: [Timothy.j.cudmore@oregon.gov](mailto:Timothy.j.cudmore@oregon.gov)
      - Phone: (541) 886-2881



- Treasurers Report
  - \$10,685.88
  - Just deposited Chapter dues
  - ~\$2000 in Sid Johnson Memorial Fund
    - Brainstorm activities to use these funds in Sid's memory
  - Need signed copy of Bylaws and Minutes to complete name change at bank
- Future Activities/Events
  - Annual Meeting
    - Potentially an activity (e.g., tree planting) at Johnson property (Alder Creek)
    - March-ish; Weather-dependent
  - Tours
    - Wood products tour (Union/Wallowa); Partner with Wallowa Resources
    - Tour of Valerio's
- Other Business
  - NEOSWA Messaging
    - Want to engage everyone interested in forestry & natural resources
    - Meeting/events open to public
    - Encourage everyone to attend, landowner or not
  - Develop Fact & Resources Sheet for Landowners
    - Funding sources/programs; Definitions; Eligibility; Contacts
    - Jacob to explore and develop
  - NEOSWA Board
    - Motion to elect Paul Harlan to Board as Wallowa Representative
      - Seconded; No Discussion; Approved unanimously
    - (Post meeting) Motion to elect Jack Kleinhoff to Board
      - Seconded; Discussed via email; Approved unanimously via email

**Adjourn:** 7:15 PM

**Next Meeting:** Thursday, January 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM

All members meeting. Program and agenda will be sent out in December.